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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

The enclosed amendment and remarks are in response to the Office Action dated February 9, 2004 for the above identified patent application.

Enclosed herewith is a **Petition to Request an Extension of Time**.

This Amendment and Response includes the following:

Amendment to the Claims as shown in the list of claims beginning on page 2; and
Remarks beginning on page 6.